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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>ANDRIACCHI THOMAS P ET AL: "Methods for evaluating the progression of osteoarthritis" JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, MARCH/APRIL 2000, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, BALTIMORE, MD, USA, 'Online! vol. 37, no. 2, pages 163-170, XP002188111 Retrieved from the Internet: <URL:http://www.vard.org/jour/00/37/2/andr1372.htm> 'retrieved on 2002-01-23! cited in the application the whole document -----</p>	1-33

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Although claim 1-33 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, a search has been carried out. The search was directed towards a device suitable for carrying out the method of claims 1-33.

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 1-33

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body